GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Indians in Pak Jails
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether several Indian citizens are still in Pakistani prisons even after the completion of their sentence;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to bring them back to the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether the Government has identified those prisoners and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) & (e) As per information with the Government, 18 Indian fishermen and 1 civil prisoner are in Pakistani jail even after completion of their sentences, and verification of their nationality. Their details are below:

Sl. No. Name Parentage Completion of Sentence
1 Rangeela Prem Jyoti Yadav 17.05.2015
2 Vinod Janya Handal 01.02.2014
3 Jagan Kakshi Shingada -do-
4 Mahesh Madhu Dongarkar -do-
5 Ashok Govind Shingda -do-
6 Jaising Lallu Vaghat -do-
7 Ajit Bhagu Bhavar -do-
8 Bhopat Kala Solanki -do-
9 Bheem Valjee Chauhan -do-
10 Dinesh Jeeva Charniya -do-
11 Kishan Ram Silot -do-
12 Kalu Bhima Rathod -do-
13 Bhavsing Parbat Bambhaniya -do-
14 Mahesh Vira Solanki -do-
15 Dhiru Pancha Charniya -do-
16 Arvind Jodha Bambhaniya -do-
17 Bharat Naranbhai Shingad 01.10.2014
18 Pala Naranbhai Shingad -do-

(b) to (d) Government regularly takes up with the Pakistani authorities the issue of early release and repatriation of all Indian prisoners as well as providing them regular consular access. Government of India also, on a continuing basis, monitors the status of all Indian prisoners in Pakistani jails. An India-Pakistan Judicial Committee on Prisoners comprising retired Judges from the higher judiciary of both countries was constituted to look at humanitarian issues and ensure humane treatment and expeditious release of prisoners, including fishermen, who have completed their prison terms.